

SAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Cllr Chris Clews

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th March 2017

Present:

Cllr Chris Clews Chairman

Cllr Phil Jones

Cllr David Shaw

Cllr Pete Joynes

Cllr Philip Bond

Cllr Clive Rickhards

Warwickshire County Council

Cllr Hazel Wright

Stratford District Council (Studley with Sambourne)

Cllr Justin Kerridge

Stratford District Council (Sambourne North)

Teresa Murphy Clerk

1.Apologies: None

There were 8 parishioners present.

2.Disclosure of Interest: None

3.Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2017 were agreed and signed.

4. Matters Arising

Junction of Whitemoor Lane and Alcester Heath

Cllr Rickhards agreed to set up a meeting with representatives of the Ragley Estate and WCC Highways.

Action: Cllr Rickhards

Ditches/streams

Cllr Rickhards was asked to arrange a meeting with Barry Ridgeway, Senior Drainage Engineer at WCC.

Action: Cllr Rickhards

Action on Speeding in the Village:

- 1) It was noted that the 'dragons teeth' by the 30 mph signs had now been repainted. Cllr Rickhards reported that resurfacing work was planned for Middletown Lane and it was felt that it would be more appropriate for the work to start beyond the newly painted 'dragons teeth'.

Action: Cllr Rickhards

- 2) The formation of a Speeding Action Group was discussed. The Chairman, Cllr Bond and Cllr Joynes will meet to talk about the way forward. The Clerk was asked to put this on the Agenda for the May meeting.

Action: Chairman, Clerk

Provision of tools and equipment for the litter picking volunteers:

As the equipment provided can only be borrowed for two weeks at a time it was felt that this would not be viable. The Parish Council would be willing to buy some litter picking sticks if the volunteers would like to put forward a request.

Flagpole Maintenance:

Thanks were expressed to Roy Davies and also Phil and Sue Jones for dealing with the maintenance of the flagpole.

Public Participation:

- 1) The crushed verge just above the entrance to the cricket club is still a concern. Cllr Rickhards was asked to request a site visit.

Action: Cllr Rickhards

- 2) The Chairman has been in contact with G S Adams and the Electrical Installation Certificate has been renewed.

Chairman's Business

The Chairman and Cllr Phil Bond plan to carry out a survey of the culverts in Middletown Lane. They will use GPS, photograph the culverts and attach them to the document produced by Graham Birley. This will then be forwarded to Cllr Rickhards.

Action: Chairman, Cllr Rickhards

5. Public Participation

- 1) Kate Cooke requested, on behalf of Ann Price, articles for The Voice. The Chairman suggested a notice to be put in The Link and also the Parish website. Another possibility would be for Ann to access the Facebook page 'Sambourne and Middletown Matters'. Any articles can be sent to Ann by email on: peggyhartland@hotmail.com.
- 2) Kate also expressed concern about the number of frogs and toads that are run over on Wike Lane. It is difficult to find a solution for this but if Kate would like to make a notice to warn motorists in a particular spot that would be acceptable to the Parish Council.
- 3) A further concern was the lack of a dog waste bin near the bench outside the church. The ordinary bin is being inappropriately used. Although this is an obvious nuisance, the Parish Council have no plans to purchase another bin at present.
- 4) The Whitemoor Lane road sign by the church is broken and lying on the floor. Cllr Kerridge would like to see this replaced by an old fashioned cast iron sign and agreed to look at costs.
- 5) The 30 mph speed sign on Whitemoor Lane is also down. Willis Ward offered to pick this up and keep it safe. When WCC come to mend the sign Willis will have to be contacted. The Chairman will report the damaged sign to WCC.
- 6) Cllr Shaw reported that the barriers in the dip by the brook in Whitemoor Lane are not in good condition and both sides are in need of repair. Cllr Rickhards was asked to report this.

Action: Chairman, Cllr Rickhards, Willis Ward, Cllr Kerridge

6. Provision of a Community Defibrillator

There was agreement that a defibrillator would be an asset to the community. The AED is available from West Midlands Ambulance Service and will be delivered as soon as the cabinet has been purchased. The following action will be taken:

- a) The Clerk will order the appropriate cabinet, on the recommendation of WMAS
- b) The bench on the Green will need to be moved to the side near the Green Dragon – Laurence Evans agreed to do this.
- c) The box can then be installed on to the electricity cabinet.
- d) Training can be given by Studley First Responders.

Action: Clerk, Laurence Evans

7. The Green – Chestnut tree and surrounding bench

Cllr Jones reported that WCC Forestry has no concerns about a seat around the chestnut tree as we have the tree inspected and maintained on a regular basis.

It was agreed that:

- 1) Geoff Smith would be asked to obtain two quotes from carpenters to construct a new bench.
- 2) The Parish Council would be authorised to spend up to £1200.

Action: Chairman, Geoff Smith

8. Accounts

The following cheques were signed:

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| Cllr Phil Jones | Key to flagpole | 7.00 |
| Clerk | Salary and expenses | 527.90 |
| HMRC | Clerk's tax | 116.60 |
| Cllr C Cews | Expenses | 139.58 |

9. Planning

New Applications

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| 17/00107/COUQ | Brookside Farm | Prior Approval of change of use | Prior Approval Granted 9/03/2017 |
| 17/00463/TREE | Yew Tree Cottages | Reduction of conifers and silver birch | |
| 17/00611/FUL | The Coach House, Sambourne Lane | Proposed erection of single storey extension | |
| 17/00686/LBC | The Coach House, Sambourne Lane | Proposed erection of single storey rear extension, roof light to front elevation | |

Decisions

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| 16/2162/FUL | 1 Reinswood Court, Sambourne Lane | Proposed single storey extension | Appeal dismissed 30/01/2017 |
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10. Correspondence

Open Spaces magazine.

11. Chairman's business

- 1) The daffodils at the entry points to Sambourne look lovely.
- 2) **County Elections** will be taking place in May.
- 3) **Broadband** is now greatly improved in three areas. The top end of Sambourne Lane/Whitemoor Lane is currently connected to Astwood Bank but the rest of Sambourne is connected to the new cabinets, with the exception of Middletown Lane and Middletown from the White House to the Bromsgrove Road. These properties will be connected to the green box at Middletown.
- 4) **Grass cutting:** the Clerk was asked to renew the contract with Mr Gibbs.
- 5) **Policing levels** in Sambourne are a serious concern. A meeting will be held at Studley Village Hall on 3rd April 2017 at 7.00 pm and anyone interested is urged to attend.
- 6) **Cllr Shaw** told the meeting that the term of office of a member of Sambourne Trust is due to expire. The Parish Council would be contacted to arrange an election to the position.

12. Any Other Business

Sambourne Lane Farm Enhancement Proposal

Wayne Stokes gave an outline of his plans to develop the land at Sambourne Lane Farm. The proposals will include:

- a) Removing the dilapidated farm buildings and contamination of land
- b) Developing 4 traditional brick barns
- c) Building a traditional farmstead.

It was agreed that the Parish Council could see benefits from the proposal – principally the site would be cleaned up and improved in appearance. The Chairman thanked Wayne for his professional and open presentation.

13. Dates of next meetings

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| AGM | Monday 15 th May 2017 | |
| | Annual Parish Assembly | 7.15 pm |
| | Annual Meeting | 7.45 pm |
| | Parish Council Meeting | 8.00 pm |

Monday 17th July at 7.45 pm

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm